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*Amendments to the Specification*

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, which starts with "The user interface 108 ...", with the following amended paragraph:

The user interface 108 comprises the physical sealed buttons 128 that operate the camera, controlling mechanical functions such as the focus system, shutter, zoom lens, and so forth. Although the amount of light entering the camera system 100 (i.e., *f*-stop settings) is typically controlled automatically in digital cameras, in one embodiment, these settings are also adjustable through the user interface 108. The user interface ~~128~~ 108, via the various buttons and/or dials, switches, and so forth, also allows access to advanced on-screen controls that are displayed on the internal display 130, such as display mode settings, image composing and management, and other information, such as the status of various components (e.g., remaining battery life, remaining storage system life, and so forth). (In another embodiment, the internal display 130 provides status information continuously, without the need for the user to access the user interface 108, although in some embodiments, the status information can be turned off via the user interface 108, if desired). In one embodiment, the user interface 108 is implemented as sealed electronic buttons with no movable parts, similar to the type used on kitchen appliances, such as microwave ovens. In the embodiment shown in Figure 1, the buttons 128 are designed to be an integrated part of the camera 102. In another embodiment, touch-screen technology, such as that used by pen-enabled PDA devices, can be employed instead of, or in addition to, button-type controls.